



## **DJ Digital Defiant** (Shiva Studios, LV/ NV-604)

### **Who is Digital Defiant?**

Dallas Shewmaker, also known as DJ Digital Defiant, has been involved with the electronic music scene for many years. With over a decade of experience he has held many hats. Involved with the San Diego electronic music scene since 1992, Digital D has been through many trial and tribulations that plague a growing scene. His early days as a regular club attendee in the early 80's/late 90's set the path to his first experiences with techno and house music at a warehouse party in Kowloon, Hong Kong. After many years living in San Diego, California where he founded Shiva Studios, he and his wife (a photographer) have relocated to the entertainment capital of the world, Las Vegas, Nevada. This move also inspired Digital D to put more focus on sound engineering and electronic music production. Under the moniker of Twisted D.U.O. he has produced several downtempo and trance tracks as well as done remixes for artists like Adam Freeland, D:Fuse, and The Prodigy.

### **Playing Style**

Using both live elements and digital medias Digital Defiant plays full-on rave, psychedelic and progressive trance, breaks, as well as ambient and downtempo.

### **History**

Over time, Digital Defiant has forged a truly unique sound combining psychedelic and progressive trance. When asked to describe his sound, he replies with: "Twisted steel with sex appeal." By combining chants, movie samples, and hard-rocking guitar riffs with lofty melodies and techno beats, his sound has been unparalleled. Under the production name of Twisted D.U.O. he creates a new sound of mash-up by using classic punk and industrial rock sounds and with techno-electronic beats. This sound has since taken him across the country. Having played in various places like Las Vegas (where he got his start opening for the Crystal Method and now resides), the desert raves in Arizona and California, to the southern regions of New Orleans and Florida, his sound and style not only makes you move, but makes you think as well.

### **Influences**

It was in the mid-1980's where Digital Defiant discovered his love for music. As a teenager in a broken home, Digital D found his escape in music. Always an aficionado of dance music styles with a partial liking to breakbeat styles, he created his own bedroom "studio" consisting of a standard hi-fi turntable, a double-cassette player, and a Teac reel-to-reel tape recorder. All of which was connected to a home stereo amplifier and standard stereo speakers. It was there where he would create his own "extended versions" of various songs from artists like Depeche Mode, Information Society, Madonna, and other alternative and dance artists. He would then give these tapes to his friends and family to listen to. One of those was his uncle, Jimmy Padilla a popular dj with a residency at the infamous Palladium in Hollywood, California. It wasn't long until his uncle would sneak his young protégé into the club and have him pull records for crowds of nearly 3000. Today, his electronic music influences are the likes of superstars John '00' Fleming, Christopher Lawrence, Astral Projection, and Infected Mushroom.



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### **Past and Present Residencies**

Thumpin' Productions, Las Vegas/LA  
Eternal Beats Radio (Online Radio)  
Destination Unknown (Weekly, San Diego)  
Shiva Studios, Arizona/San Diego/LV  
Club Montage, San Diego  
Club Pure, San Diego  
Club Opulence, New Orleans  
Synthetic Journeys, Jackson MS  
Big Butt Productions, San Diego  
Club Utopia, Las Vegas  
Luxor Lounge (now Club Ra), Las Vegas

### **Highlight Events (2004-Present)**

Burning Man Festival, Nevada  
United As One, Las Vegas  
Nocturnal Transmissions, Arizona  
Battle for In-Door, Los Angeles  
Winter Solstice Party, Arizona  
Skywalking, Los Angeles  
Free-4-All, San Bernardino  
Dark Skies, Las Vegas  
Freedom Through Time, Las Vegas  
Defiance, Arizona  
Psychedelic Solstice, Arizona

### **Audio Samples**

Digital Defiant has over a dozen dj and live mixes dating back to 1996 and over 15 Original Tracks and Remixes. All are available upon request. For more recent work, visit Digital Defiant's official MySpace site at:

<http://www.myspace.com/twistedduo>

### **Twisted D.U.O./Digital Defiant's Gear**

Serato Scratch  
Ableton Live 5.0  
Reason 3.0  
Sony Acid Pro  
Pioneer CDJ-800  
Technics SL-1200 MKII  
Professional Editing on ProTools HD3